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SUBJECT: CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL AND QUEBEC LOCOMOTIVE DEAL

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1. MARCH 12 MONTREAL STAR EDITORIAL ENTITLED
"PROBLEM SOLVED; PRINCIPLE REMAINS" POINTS OUT
THAT A SETTLEMENT OF MLW CASE WILL NOT REMOVE
NEED FOR CLEAR GOC ACTION TO PROTECT CANADA'S
SOVEREIGNTY BY BLOCKING EXTRATERRITORIAL ACTION
OF FOREIGN LAWS.

2. IN MARCH 13 TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, WASHINGTON
CORRESPONDENT ROSS MUNRO REPORTS THAT US
OFFICIALS APPEAR RESIGNED TO PROSPECT THAT
US-CONTROLLED FIRMS IN CANADA AND ARGENTINA WILL
BREAK THE US TRADE EMBARGO AGAINST CUBA.
ARTICLE STATES THAT PRESIDENT NIXON "WHO
HAS CLOSE PERSONAL AND POLITICAL TIES
WITH THE ANTI-COMMUNIST CUBAN COMMUNITY IN
FLORIDA" MUST ULTIMATELY MAKE DECISIONS
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REGARDING FUTURE OF THE EMBARGO. UNIDENTIFIED

US OFFICIALS IN TWO DIFFERENT DEPARTMENTS
REPORTEDLY EXPRESSED HOPE THAT MLW DECISION
TO PROCEED WITH CUBAN LOCOMOTIVE DEAL WOULD
ELIMINATE FURTHER CONTROVERSY OVER CASE,
ALTHOUGH QUESTION OF US COMPONENTS COULD STILL
PRESENT A PROBLEM. ACCORDING TO THE ARTICLE,
A STUDEBAKER-WORTHINGTON SPOKESMAN HAS SAID
THAT THE COMPANY WITHDREW ITS APPLICATION FOR
EXEMPTION FROM EMBARGO REGULATIONS. ARTICLE
ALSO STATES THAT FUTURE OF CUBAN EMBARGO WILL
BECOME CLEARER AFTER SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
MEETINGS WITH LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN
FOREIGN MINISTERS IN MID-APRIL.

3. ARTICLES BEING AIRPOUCHED TO EUR/CAN - BROWN
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